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In re Application of:

Kiyoshi ARITA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1765

Filed: March 1, 2002

Examiner: Duy Vu Nguyen Deo

For: PLASMA PROCESSING METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

The attached references were cited in a rejection in the counterpart Japanese application. The USPTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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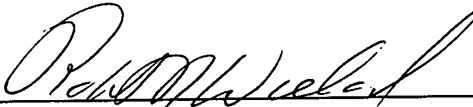
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The above information is presented so that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the USPTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,239,036 B1	05/2001	Arita et al.	438	714	12/1999

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	2000-058521	02/2000	Japan				Abstract
	2000-133639	05/2000	Japan				Abstract

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Applicants hereby respectfully request consideration and entry of the Information Disclosure Statement filed contemporaneously herewith. The references were cited in a rejection for the counterpart Japan application. A check in the amount of \$180.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is also enclosed.

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Consideration and entry of the attached Information Disclosure
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Sir:

[x] Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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[] No item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more


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